

sacrifices, service, and strength, and showcase the incredible talents of our State's artists.

Please join me and the citizens of the great State of North Carolina in expressing our pride and gratitude to the veterans for their service, dedication, and sacrifice in protecting the freedoms of this country. And as we designate July 4, 2011, as "North Carolina Veterans Park Day," please reflect on the words that tell the story of the North Carolina Veterans Park:

From the soils of North Carolina
You left your families and homes
With purpose to serve your country.
In service, you made sacrifices.

You are our veterans.

This is your place to reflect on and
Share your experiences.

To feel pride in your service,

Bond with fellow veterans, and heal.

Here, may you find support and inspiration

To live your lives today.

The people of North Carolina

Honor your service and welcome you home.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. BOBBY FONG

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Dr. Bobby Fong, the outgoing president of Butler University.

Since becoming Butler University's 20th president on June 1, 2001, Dr. Fong's leadership and vision have brought financial stability, expanded academic programs, and record-breaking student enrollment and fundraising. Many are aware of Butler's prowess on the basketball court, which has introduced the Nation to "The Butler Way." Dr. Fong has further enhanced Butler University's role as a cultural and intellectual pillar of the city of Indianapolis and Indiana as a whole. I am proud of the recognition and prestige Dr. Fong and Butler University have brought to our State.

Personally, I have enjoyed many meetings with Dr. Fong over the years and appreciate his welcoming me to deliver the commencement address for the Butler College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in May of 2010. Dr. Fong's enthusiasm and leadership have ensured the success of the annual Dick Lugar Run, Walk, and Health Fair, which has been held on the Butler campus for the last 32 years. I have treasured this partnership with the school, which has served to promote physical fitness and disease prevention.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize Dr. Fong, and I look forward to many more opportunities to work closely with him as he pursues new challenges and opportunities.●

LOUISIANA HONORAIR

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge and honor a very special group, the Louisiana HonorAir. Louisiana HonorAir is a not-for-profit group that flies as many as 200 World War II veterans a year up to Washington, DC. On May 28, 2011, a group of

85 veterans will travel to Washington as part of this very special program.

I want to take a moment to thank all the brave veterans visiting our Capital for this trip:

Mr. Jack A. Adams; Mr. Sidney L. Agnelly; Mr. Paul K. Anderson; Ms. Theresa J.R. Anderson; Mr. Walton H. Blanchard, Sr.; Mr. James C. Bond, Sr.; Mr. James E. Bowie; Mr. Warren B. Braud; Mr. Herman Broussard; Mr. Henry A. Buchholz, Jr.; Mr. Elmer H. Cates; Ms. Bonnie Clabijo; Mr. John S. Cordero, Sr.; Mr. Robert G. Daigle, Sr.; Mr. James P. Daigre; Mr. Albert J. Daube; Mr. Dudley J. David; Mr. Henry F. Deist; Mr. Dudley E. Duhon; Mr. Rene I. Duhon; Mr. Woodrow Duhon; Mr. Sherman Faught; Mr. Arthur C. Flory.

Mr. Roman A. Guidry; Mr. Edwin Hardy; Mr. Ernest Haydel; Mr. Harold C. Hill; Mr. Lloyd E. Hogan; Ms. Lillian F. Hoover; Mr. Warren D. Huggins; Mr. Gordon L. Jarnigan; Mr. Eugene B. Johnson; Ms. Geneva R. Johnson; Mr. Hubert Lane Joyner; Mr. John M. Key; Mr. Julius J. Klos; Mr. Albert L. Klotz, Jr.; Mr. Fred C. Kraus, Jr.; Mr. Anthony Labruzzo; Mr. Emile A. Lambert, Jr.; Mr. Joseph H. Lauff, Jr.; Mr. James LeBlanc; Mr. Robert D. Lowe; Mr. Curtis J. Marcello; Mr. Eustace A. Marionneaux; Mr. Joseph T. McKay.

Mr. Stephen L. McMurray; Mr. Tanner A. Messina; Mr. Randolph J. Olano, Jr.; Mr. Roy Patton; Mr. Lawrence J. Pellegrin, Sr.; Mr. Earl J. Perere; Mr. Sidney J. Quatrevingt; Mr. William C. Rabalais; Mr. Ralph L. Richardson; Mr. Joseph J. Rockoforte; Mr. Alger J. Rodriguez; Mr. John T. Roshto; Mr. Benjamin Rush; Mr. Louis C. Salzer; Ms. Florence F. Smith; Mr. Charles C. Spence; Mr. Clifton J. Stutes; Mr. Percy Thibodeaux; Mr. Wallace W. Thibodeaux; Mr. Ernest G. Walden; Mr. Bobby E. Williams; Mr. Clifton O. Wilson.

While visiting Washington, DC, these veterans will tour the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Iwo Jima Memorial, and the Korean Memorial. This program provides many veterans with their only opportunity to see the great memorials dedicated to their service. Thus, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring these great Americans and thanking them for their devotion and service to our Nation.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

At 2:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 754. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 990. A bill to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1229. To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to facilitate the safe and timely production of American energy resources from the Gulf of Mexico, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1231. An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require that each 5-year offshore oil and gas leasing program offer leasing in the areas with the most prospective oil and gas resources, to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1662. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Minimizing the Use of Materials Containing Hexavalent Chromium" ((RIN0750-AG35) (DFARS Case 2009-D004)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 10, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1663. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1664. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and